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**To:** Microsoft ATR  
**Date:** 1/23/02 5:47pm  
**Subject:** Microsoft Settlement

In addition, I strongly urge you to carefully assess the legitimacy of pro-microsoft comments. Microsoft is an inveterate astroturfer. Their pr machine is addicted to faking grassroots support.

<http://www.aaxnet.com/news/M010823.html>

--- James Affeld <jamesaffeld@yahoo.com> wrote:

> From James Affeld Wed Jan 23 14:42:59 2002  
> Date: Wed, 23 Jan 2002 14:42:59 -0800 (PST)  
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> Subject: Microsoft Settlement  
> To: microsoft.atr@usdoj.gov  
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> I object to the proposed settlement for several  
> reasons.  
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> 1) It does not change any of the anticompetitive  
> behaviors because the focus is too narrow. Forcing  
> ms  
> to allow other implementations of java is irrelevant  
> to MS strategy. It specifically excludes  
> non-commercial software ("Open Source") from  
> consideration for open API's. This is crucial,  
> because open source projects are the most  
> significant  
> competition MS has.  
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> 2) It doesn't really punish MS for its actions.  
> Remember: MS has been found guilty.  
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